- (1) Placement is required to protect the child from serious immediate danger;
- (2) There is no parent, guardian, custodian, RELATIVE, or other person able to provide supervision; and
- (3) (i) 1. The child's continued placement in the child's home is contrary to the welfare of the child; and
- 2. Because of an alleged emergency situation, removal from the home is reasonable under the circumstances to provide for the safety of the child; or
- (ii) 1. Reasonable but unsuccessful efforts have been made to prevent or eliminate the need for removal from the child's home; and
- 2. As appropriate, reasonable efforts are being made to return the child to the child's home.
- (c) (1) Whenever a child is not returned to the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, the local department shall immediately file a petition to authorize continued shelter care.
- (2) (i) The court shall hold a shelter care hearing on the petition before disposition to determine whether the temporary placement of the child outside of the home is warranted.
- (ii) Unless extended on good cause shown, a shelter care hearing shall be held not later than the next day on which the circuit court is in session.
- (3) If the child's parents, guardian, [or] custodian, OR RELATIVES can be located, reasonable notice, oral or written, stating the time, place, and purpose of the shelter care hearing shall be given.
- (4) A court may not order shelter care for more than 30 days except that shelter care may be extended for up to an additional 30 days if the court finds after a hearing held as part of an adjudication that continued shelter care is needed to provide for the safety of the child.
- (5) UNLESS GOOD CAUSE IS SHOWN, A COURT SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO THE CHILD'S RELATIVES OVER NONRELATIVES WHEN ORDERING SHELTER CARE FOR A CHILD.
- (d) A court may continue shelter care beyond emergency shelter care only if the court finds that:
- (1) Return of the child to the child's home is contrary to the safety and welfare of the child; and
- (2) (i) Removal of the child from the child's home is necessary due to an alleged emergency situation and in order to provide for the safety of the child; or